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Minutes 01/27/2014

TOWN OF ARLINGTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 27, 2014

7:15 p.m

Present: Mr. Dunn, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, ViceChair, Mr. Greeley, Mr. Byrne and Mr. Curro

Also present: Mr. Chapdelaine, Mr. Heim and Mrs. Krepelka

FOR APPROVAL

1. **CONSENT AGENDA** (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Minutes of Meetings: January 13, 2014
 - b. Request: One Day Beer & Wine License, 2/9 @ Regent Theatre for 'Mission of Burma' Concert and Fundraiser for Somerville Local First Debra McLaughlin
 - c. **REAPPOINTMENTS**
 - Board of Youth Services
 - Mary DeCoursey
 - Carlene Newell
 - Commission on Disabilities
 - Susan James
 - Conservation Commission
 - Eileen Coleman
 - Council on Aging
 - Sue Culhane
 - Historical Commission
 - Diane Schaefer
 - Open Space Committee
 - Michele Hassler
 - Park & Recreation Commission
 - Shirley Canniff
 - Redevelopment Board
 - Andrew Bunnell
 - Michael Cayer
 - (all terms to expire 1/31/2017)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

2. **Discussion: Salary Survey Study**
Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Sandy Stapczynski, President of HRS Consultant Team, presented a Compensation and Benefits Survey Study for the Town of Arlington. The Town of Arlington engaged HRS to determine the total compensation market competitiveness for union and non-union positions with the Town and School organizations. The purpose of the study was to compare the Town of Arlington to the external municipal/school labor market to ensure equitable pay levels for individual positions and group positions. The Town provided HRS with the necessary documents for Arlington, compensation plans, town budgets, and job descriptions. The Consultant Team was given very specific directives. The survey also collected information on various pay policies and benefits. The consultants surveyed information on health insurance, longevity (non-public safety) and vacation. Regarding health benefits, the Town's contribution through their GIC plan toward the cost of medical coverage is more generous than most surveyed communities. Arlington is competitive also with vacation time.

Ms. Stapczynski stated it was a pleasure working with the Salary Committee and Town employees that were involved with the survey.

Mr. Robert Largenton, President, Firefighters Union, stated that all members have a good working relationship with the Town Manager and Mrs. Malloy. He thanked the Board for doing this survey.

The Board thanked Ms. Stapczynski for said report.

Mr. Curro moved receipt of report.

SO VOTED (5-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

3. Request: Class II License (former: McDermottroe Auto Sales)

John Finochetti d/b/a Arlington Auto Sales, 251 Summer Street

Mr. Robert Annese represented Mr. Finochetti and asked the Board to approve a

Class 11 License to allow Mr. Finochetti to keep up to six vehicles on the premises.

Mr. Greeley moved approval subject to all conditions as set-forth. SO VOTED (5-0)

4. CITIZENS OPEN FORUM

Except in unusual circumstances, any matter presented for consideration of the Board shall neither be acted upon, nor a decision made the night of the presentation in accordance with the policy under which the Open Forum was established. It should be noted that there is a three minute time limit to present a concern or request.

John Maher and Anne Doherty, owners of condos at 990 Massachusetts Avenue, appeared before the Board along with Gary Tibbetts, Property Manager regarding the condominium water and sewer billing practices. Mr. Maher asked the Board to reconsider its vote of 1994 and that the Kentwood owners be afforded the same fairness that other single homeowners are given in the Town.

The Board asked the Town Manager for additional information regarding water fees for condos after concerns were made about administrative fees tied to checking water meters for each unit.

Mr. Greeley moved to refer to the Town Manager for review and recommendations.

SO VOTED (5-0)

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

5. Discussion: 1207 Massachusetts Avenue

Adam W. Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Town Manager Chapdelaine spoke regarding the building located at 1207 Massachusetts Avenue which is currently used by the Disabled American Veterans' Club. Currently, there is no existing lease between the Board and the DAV.

In terms of options for this building, the Manager offered the following:

1. The Board could consider using the space for Town Business;
2. The Board could consider developing and issuing an RFP for the lease of the building;
3. The Board could consider developing and issuing an RFP for the sale of the building. (Prior approval of Town Meeting would be necessary for this option.)

Mr. Chapdelaine suggested that the Board consider establishing a working group to develop a recommendation for potential disposition.

The Board felt that they would like to be involved in the working group and Mr. Curro asked the

Town Manager to arrange a tour of the building for the Board members.

Mr. Byrne stated he supports having the working group as long as it makes a recommendation sooner than later.

Mrs. Mahon suggested that the Board asked former Veterans Agent William McCarthy to serve on the Committee with the Town Manager, Town Counsel, Chairman Dunn and one other member of the Board.

Mr. Greeley moved approval of said working group.

SO VOTED (5-0)

6. Discussion: Public Memorials Committee

Kevin F. Greeley, Selectman

Mr. Greeley asked the Board to consider naming the Selectmen's Hearing Room after Charles Lyons for his many years of service to the Town of Arlington. Mr. Lyons was a Selectmen from 1981 to 2005 and was the first 18-year old to hold elected public office. He was elected to the Arlington School Committee in 1972. He also is the only Selectman to serve as President of the National League of Cities.

Mr. Byrne moved approval to send to the Public Memorial Committee.

SO VOTED (5-0)

7. Update: Utility Pole Working Group

Daniel J. Dunn, Chair

Mr. Dunn spoke about the Utility Pole Working Group Committee and what has been accomplished to date. Richard Horan stated how he has been working with Verizon and has been in recent contact with Comcast and RCN. They are still waiting to get an updated list of all double poles - the Committee decided to start their own inventory of poles missing from Verizon's list and then ask Verizon to add them to the list.

Mrs. Mahon stated she has two contact names - one from Verizon and one from NStar and would be happy to help if the Committee would like the contact names.

Mr. Dunn stated he would like to make contact with anyone that can help.

Mr. Greeley asked the Manager if we have a contact person with Verizon that can be of help to us.

The Board thanked Mr. Horan and his Committee for their time and effort spent on trying to resolve these problems.

Correspondence Received

Anthony Vogel, President
Friends of Robbins
Farm Park

Opposed to Fee Charged for Use of
Meeting Rooms in Public Buildings

Be Rec'd

Roly Chaput asked the Board if they would look into the new fee policy that was instituted January 1st for the use of the Jefferson Cutter House and the Senior Center. Mr. Chaput spoke as a member of the Friends of Robbins Farm Park and stated he felt the new fees were an unnecessary burden on a volunteer group that has invested time and money into Robbins Farm Park. He feels that the Friends and any other group in town with small or no budgets should not have to pay to meet.

Mrs. Mahon and Mr. Dunn stated that these groups have given time and effort to the Town and now we are pushing them back into their homes to have meetings. Mr. Dunn stated he feels we are causing sort of a self-inflicted wound. Mr. Curro suggested looking at a policy that would take an organizations mission into account when determining fees. After much discussion, the Board asked the Town Manager for more information on this issue and report back.

Elisabeth Carr-Jones
1 Lehigh Street

Retiring from Transportation Advisory Committee

Be Rec'd

The Board expressed their regrets with Elizabeth's resignation and asked that she appear before the Board at a later date.

Mrs. Mahon moved receipt of "Correspondence Received.

SO VOTED (5-0)

New Business

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that the Governor's budget for fiscal 2015 is disappointing for Arlington. Said budget would increase overall state spending by 4.9 percent, but would level-fund Unrestricted General Government Aid, provide an increase of just 2.3 percent for Chapter 70 education aid, and level-fund and underfund most other municipal and education accounts.

Mr. Chapdelaine stated that Representative Garballey has filed a Transportation Bond in the amount of \$1.5 million for Gray Street and Representative Rogers filed a Bond in the amount of \$500,000 for Pleasant Street sidewalks.

Mrs. Mahon stated Tony Barletta, Director of Governmental Affairs, Dept of Conservation and Recreation sent an e-mail to the Town Manager stating the street work, including the pothole repair will be scheduled for the spring once the weather begins to cooperate. Also, he is working with the staff to schedule the no parking signs be installed and schedule regular maintenance that we have requested.

Mr. Curro stated he attended the Middlesex Partnership For Youth Assembly at the Ottoson Middle School on Thursday morning. Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan addressed the assembly regarding Navigating The Cyber World. Officer Stephen Porciello along with Assistant District Attorney David Solet spoke regarding all sorts of cyber

bullying and online safety. Mr. Curro reported it was very well attended and a great meeting.

Mr. Dunn stated that the Minuteman Regional School District Committee (13-3) came to an agreement for a new regional agreement and we will be hearing from Mr. Foscett regarding the new agreement.

Mr. Dunn stated he attended the Homelessness Prevention Program and Arlington Housing Corporation on Thursday, January 16th at Tango Restaurant. The meeting was well attended and the breakfast was excellent.

Mr. Dunn also made an appearance before tonight's Selectmen's Meeting at the Arlington Land Trust Annual Meeting held at the Senior Center.

Mrs. Mahon moved to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

A true record: Attest:

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

Next scheduled meeting of BoS February 10, 2014.

1/27/2014

Agenda Item Documents Used

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- 5 Public Memorial Committee - Kevin Greeley, Selectmen
- 6 Update: Utility Pole Working Group - Daniel J. Dunn, Chair
Correspondence Received: Anthony Vogel, President, Board of DirectorsFriends of Robbins Farm ParkElizabeth Carr-Jones, 1 Lehigh Street, Arlington, MA - Resignation from TAC